

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Waushara County

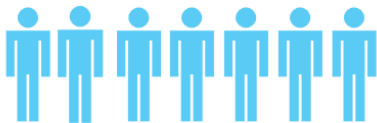
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

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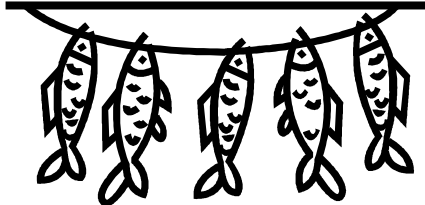
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

**\$1.4 billion**



In Waushara County, **15,012** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

## Investments in Recreation

The DNR has recently **invested \$354,973 in capital development funds** to improve state managed lands in Waushara County, including the **Poygan Wildlife Area and Wild Rose Fish Hatchery**.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **196 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Waushara County.

Waushara County has over **19,939 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

## Community Partnerships

A total of **\$20,924** was awarded in **Waushara County** for **snowmobile and boat patrol** activities.

The DNR has strong relationships with Waushara County groups through its **Citizen-Based Monitoring Program**, an initiative that connects citizens and scientists together to monitor and evaluate Wisconsin's natural resources. Recent partnerships in Waushara County include support to design and implement an evaluation program for the **Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiatives** strategic grassland implementation plan. Funding for this project allowed citizen volunteers to participate in bird and habitat data collection.

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## Snapshot of grants in Waushara County

A total of **\$1,183,004** was awarded in Waushara County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: aquatic invasive species work, Kusel Lake Park prairie restoration, cost sharing of a manure management system and grants to individuals to plan and develop private forests.

**\*\*Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

## Forestry Activities

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$123,560 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters** through management plan development, tree planting, practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

Waushara County has **2,327 acres of private land open for public access** as a result of the tax law programs (Forest Crop and MFL). The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

**DNR granted \$27,243 to local Fire Departments** in Waushara County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Since 2005, **over 15,000 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Waushara County. The harvests provided more than **\$379,000 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Since 2011, **Waushara County has received \$3,000 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 97 contaminated properties** resulting in **93 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR provided **\$5,497 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

Legislature authorized funding for the **Wisconsin Air Resource Program**, which created **improvements to the air permitting process** resulting in more timely, consistent and transparent reviews of permits.

## Deer Management in Waushara County

In 2014, Waushara County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR is working with five landowners who have over 180 acres of land enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 5,627 deer were registered in Waushara County with 1,553 harvested during archery deer season and 4,074 harvested during the gun deer season.